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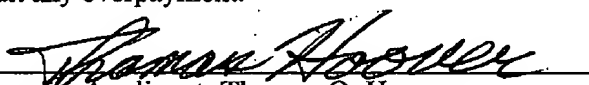
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VIA FACSIMILE

Francis Jaworski
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/619,123
Entitled: PORTABLE ULTRASOUND IMAGING SYSTEM
Our File: TTC-006FX

Dear Examiner Jaworski:

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) regarding the above matter was mailed to you on December 4, 2007 and it is our understanding that the signature page to the IDS Letter was unintentionally omitted. Hence, sent herewith is a complete copy of the IDS Letter and PTO Form 1449.

Should you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Thomas O. Hoover

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure Statement.

- [] (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above identified national application or within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of the above identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

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- [] (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [] (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [] (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:
[] a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or
[] the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d)

- [X] (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

- [] (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)

- [] (7) The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §

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1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Where the status of the application has changed, unknown to the applicant, such that the boxes checked are no longer applicable, the Commissioner is authorized to accept this submission with any additional fees required by that change charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0804.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation by the undersigned as to personal knowledge of the contents of every word or phrase of the material enclosed or that reliance on other suitably trained professionals has not been made. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited herewith is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b), or that Applicant(s) is(are) unable to provide an affidavit under 37 CFR §1.131 swearing back of such information.

If a search report of a searching agency is enclosed identifying the nature of the relevance of each document, such a designation is deemed to satisfy 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) even if in a foreign language because the codes are the same in all languages. However, applicant(s) does not necessarily adopt the position reflected by that report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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